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









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VIEWS

A NEW START

-  I will start anew this morning with a higher, fairer creed;
-  I will cease to stonnd complaining of my ruthless neighbor's greed;
-  I will cease to sit repining while my duty's coll is cleor;
-  I will woste no moment whining, and my heort sholl know no fear;
-  I will look sometimes about me for the things thot merit proise;
-  I will search for hidden beouties that elude the grumbler's goze.
-  I will try to find contentment in the poths thot I must treod;
-  I will ceose to hove resentment when another moves ahead.
-  I will not be swayed by envy when my rival's strength is shown;
-  I will not deny his merit, but I'll strive to prove my own;
-  I will try to see the beauty spread before me, roin or shine;
-  I will cease to preoch your duty, and be more concerned with mine.

Charles A. Collier
Director

Barbara Rankin
Editor



Georgia Department of State Parks

CHARLES A. COLLIER
DIRECTOR

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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

January 2, 1963

Dear Fellow Employees:

On January 15, 1963, the State Parks Department will have a new Director, Mr. Horace Caldwell. I have known Mr. Caldwell for a number of years and you will find him competent, a good businessman, and one who is appreciative of the role that the Parks Department and its members play in the welfare of the state and its citizens. I bespeak for him a continuation of the fine help and cooperation which each and everyone of you have given to me during my four years as Director of the State Parks Department.

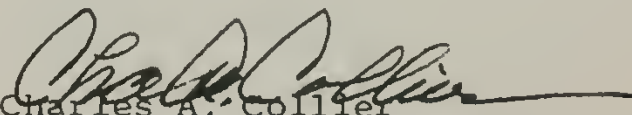
Inasmuch as I may not be able to see each of you in person, I wanted this letter, in a measure, to serve as an expression of my appreciation for your work during my four years in office, and of your loyalty to the Department and what it stands for.

I sincerely wish for the Department and each of its employees a continuation of the progress to which you have so ably contributed, and to emphasize that each of you should feel proud to be a member of the State Parks Department group. You can well be pleased with the Department's accomplishments, which could not possibly have been realized but through your aid and assistance!

I have enjoyed to the fullest having worked with you, and witnessed the rehabilitation that has taken place in the 36 State Parks in the last four years. Thank you again and again for the part you have played in making the Parks System one which the state can well be proud of.

I hope I shall have the opportunity of seeing you from time to time and wish for each of you a most happy future.

Sincerely,


Charles A. Collier
Director

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The personnel of the Georgia Department of State Parks would like to say a great big "Thank you" to Mr. Collier for his untiring leadership and ability as Director of State Parks during the past four years.

We sincerely believe that there has never been a Director with more interest in the parks and in seeing that they made extensive progress. We need only look at the accomplishments for proof of this leadership.

We are proud to have had the opportunity to work with Charles A. Collier, and the entire staff will certainly miss him.

Our thanks again to Mr. Collier for helping make Georgia State Parks one of the best park systems in the nation.

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OLD YEAR AND THE NEW

As another year approaches, we should take time to think about the old.

What have we done in 1962 to make our world a better place in which to live? We, as planners of leisure time in Georgia, have made progress.

We have attracted more visitors to our parks than in any previous year and we have completed numerous projects that will last and give pleasure for many years to come. As the old saying goes, "Parks are forever."

We, as members of the State Parks team, can say with pride that we are proud of '62. But, if we are to follow in the steps of our pioneer forefathers, we will always have to set new and better goals for the future. Georgia's State Parks are growing.

What resolutions have you made for '63 to make your park better

and more lasting? Now is the time to plan. Make your goals the highest possible. Remember that it is your responsibility to see that Georgia citizens, as well as out-of-state visitors, preserve and enjoy our natural, scenic and historical areas, not only for the present generation but for generations to come.

Happy New Year!

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

By 1970 one-half of our population will be under 25 years old, with 40% under 20.

---Media/Scope

Well, at least that explains why everyone looks so awfully young to us these days--it's not just our advancing years as we had thought.

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CONFUSED

If you're planning to celebrate George Washington's birthday on February 22, you're late. Washington was born on February 11, 1732, when England and its colonies used the Julian calendar. When England adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1752, Washington's birthday fell on February 22.

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MAINTENANCE NOTE

When painting wire or woven fences, a paint roller will make fast work of an otherwise tedious job.

Special covers with long nap fillers can be used, but a regular cover is adequate.

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When arguing with a fool, make sure he is not doing the same.

GEORGIA VETERANS MEM. STATE PARK
Cordele Gerald H. Evans, Supt.

During the latter part of November and the first weeks of December, we had some interesting visitors.

One of the Girl Scout Troops of Atlanta camped with us the last week end of November.

Among the visitors to the Museum was one from Iraq. Miss Rankin also paid us a visit and added several pieces of interest to the Museum.

We have now moved into our home at the park and are enjoying it very much. Each day brings us a new experience.

The Holiday Season is upon us and Ann, Phyllis and I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you a Happy New Year.

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HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK
Rutledge T. D. Carter, Supt.

November and December turned out better than we anticipated as far as visitors were concerned. Our leaves finally colored up and were real pretty. Several families tent camped and some picnicked.

We had one R.A. and three B.S.A. groups doing pioneer camping. Hay ride and weiner roast groups continued to come out, six in all. One group from Emory-at-Oxford had approximately 75 boys and girls in it. Four large family groups used the shelters during the month. Quite a few fishermen were out also.

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A car can help you see the world. It's up to you to decide which world.

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BLACK ROCK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK
Mountain City J. Christian, Supt.

Mrs. Christian and I had a wonderful vacation. We visited our children in Dayton, Ohio, and Memphis, Tennessee, and also relatives in Birmingham, Alabama. But we really were glad to get back to Black Rock.

We have had some cold weather. It was 7 degrees below one morning in December. Christmas Day was beautiful with all of the timber frozen. We had quite a few small trees broken by the ice, but they are all cleaned up now.

We received five new grills for the camping area for which we are grateful. We also received a new electric drill kit.

We wish all of the park personnel a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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The dreariest Winter must pass
And the sternest of trials
depart;
The green must come back to the
grass
And peace must return to the
heart.
What matter the snows that we've
known,
Or the drifts that about us were
whirled?
Contentment some day we shall own,
Spring always comes back to the
world.

---Author Unknown

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ESCAPE-GOAT

"Who is the responsible man in this firm?" asked the salesman.

"I don't know who's the responsible man, sir," said the office boy,
"but I always get the blame."

Listed below are some bills affecting parks and recreation which were passed by the last session of Congress:

P.L. 87-658 --- Accelerated Public Works Program

Authorizes speed up construction of federal public works, to increase the funds available for existing federal grant programs, and to make grants for most of the types of public works for which the Housing and Home Finance Agency is responsible under the Public Facility Loan program in eligible areas as designated by the Department of Labor. Eighty million dollars has been appropriated by Congress to the Housing and Home Finance Agency for certain public works projects which may include various PARK and RECREATION facilities (Community Facilities Division). Grants are available from the Agency to non-Federal public bodies and agencies for 50 percent of the cost of construction of such projects which can be started within a short time and located with an eligible area. In some cases grants may be made up to 75 percent of the construction cost.

Funds made available under this program will be only for projects: (1) which can be started in short period of time; (2) which will meet an essential public need; (3) which can generally be completed within one year after it is started; (4) which will contribute to reduction of local unemployment.

Applications for park and recreation projects should be made to the Regional Office of the Housing and Home Finance Agency. An individual state is limited to 10 percent of all amounts allocated for the program. --- Signed September 14, 1962.

P.L. 87-714 --- Establishment of Public Recreation

Permits public recreation use of Fish and Wildlife Conservation areas to extent practicable and not inconsistent with the primary objectives for which such areas are established. Authorizes the Department of Interior to cooperate with public and private agencies and individuals and to accept and use, without further authorization, donations of funds and real and personal property for such purposes. Also authorizes acquisition of limited areas of land for recreation development adjacent to conservation areas but does not permit acquisition of such areas for recreation purposes from funds obtained from the sales of federal migratory bird hunting stamps. Authorizes appropriation of necessary funds to construct and maintain public recreation facilities. --- Signed September 28, 1962.

P.L. 87-874 --- Omnibus Rivers, Harbors and Flood Control

Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to construct, maintain and operate public park and recreational facilities at water resource development projects under control of the Department of the Army; also permits construction of such facilities by local interests and operation of such facilities by the local interests. Authorizes the Corps of Engineers to grant leases of lands and facilities at water resource projects and provides that such leases to non-profit agencies or organizations for park and recreation purposes may be granted at reduced or nominal rates in recognition of public services to be rendered in utilizing such facilities. Provides that preference be given to Federal, State, or local

government agencies and that licenses or leases may be granted without monetary consideration for use by the public. Stipulates that water areas of all such projects be open to public use generally without charge for boating, swimming, bathing, fishing and other recreation purposes. Also protects fish and game in accordance to existing laws. --- Signed Oct. 23, 1962.

MAJOR RECREATION BILLS NOT ENACTED:

A few of the major bills introduced in the 87th Congress affecting recreation which would be of interest to State and municipal recreation authorities and which were not enacted into law are noted below. It should be emphasized that many of these bills will undoubtedly be re-introduced during the 88th Congress which will convene on January 9, 1963. Some of the measures follow:

H.R. 8595 --- Prevents Taking of Park Lands for Federal Highways

Pertained to land use as public parks and recreation and administered by State, County and local governmental bodies. No Action.

S 1364 --- Cooperative Outdoor Recreation Research Centers

Would authorize the appropriation of \$150,000 for six centers to conduct research into outdoor recreation resources. No Action.

H.R. 10281 --- Youth Camp Recreation Act

Provided for establishment of youth camp recreation programs to assist organizations to provide camping opportunities for indigent children in congested areas. Authorized appropriation of \$750,000 for each of three years and would limit expenditures to \$50 per camper for a two-week period. No Action.

S. 3117 --- Planning Grants (Bureau of Outdoor Recreation)

Would provide authority to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to: (a) prepare an inventory and evaluation of outdoor recreation resources and needs, (b) prepare a classification of recreation resources system, (c) give technical assistance to States and local sub-divisions, (d) research, (e) formulate, integrate nation-wide outdoor recreation plan. Authorizes maximum appropriation of \$50 million for planning grants to State agencies and through such agencies to local bodies. Passed Senate but no action by House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs when a quorum was not present at last two meetings of the Committee.

(Note: The above information was prepared by Temple R. Jarrell of the American Institute of Park Executives, Washington, D.C.)

STATE PARK VISITORS ARE NOT ALL
FROM GEORGIA

Gentlemen:

Please send information on State Parks, Forests, Federal Areas, and retirement possibilities.

Leo J. Winiewicz
Milwaukee 21, WISCONSIN

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Dear Sir:

My wife and I would like to spend our summer vacation in one of Georgia's State Parks. Will you please let me have full particulars about all your parks which have vacation cabins, together with the facilities of each individual park and, if possible, a brochure of each park.

I would also like to know the cost of a cabin for two people during the month of July for one week, and whether reductions are made for stays of longer than a week.

I am from England and a stranger to the United States, and any other information which you may have will be appreciated.

Will you please let me have the necessary forms for reserving accommodation.

M. K. Lord
GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND

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Dear Sir:

My family and I will be visiting your state this coming summer. We intend to tent camp whenever possible. Could you furnish me with information about camping facilities in your State Parks.

Kinley E. Roby
Orono, MAINE

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Sirs:

Please mail maps and literature on Georgia State Parks to

K. E. Parks
Fort Worth, TEXAS

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Gentlemen:

Please forward me information about State Camping Sites.

Leon Larison
La Mesa, CALIFORNIA

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Dear Sir:

Would you please send information on camp sites and facilities to

Mrs. John Arbuthnot
Scarborough, ONTARIO
CANADA

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Sirs:

We are planning a camping trip through several southeastern states and plan to spend some time in Georgia. Will you please send any and all pertinent information regarding camping facilities.....

Charles A. Brechlin
Chicago, ILLINOIS

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Dear Sir:

Would you please send me any literature that you have on overnight camping sites in Georgia. We are planning a camping trip to your state in April.

Joseph C. Pittman
Richmond, VIRGINIA

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Above sampling of letters taken from one month's mail - December '62.

Many of the people who enjoy camping in the State Parks may also ask about camping in the National Forests. Following are some facts that might be helpful to your campers.

1) There are 5,641 camp and picnic areas in the National Forests, containing over 53,000 individual family camp and picnic units. There are 154 National Forests and 18 National Grasslands.

2) The season usually extends from May 30 through the Labor Day week end. Most are open the year round. Water is turned off during the winter season, garbage is not collected, and flush toilets are locked.

3) Campgrounds and picnic grounds differ greatly in facilities.

4) Camp sites are usually one hundred feet apart.

5) Some will accommodate small trailers. Water, electrical and sewerage connections are not provided.

6) Wood is available at most camp and picnic grounds.

7) No reservations are made.

8) Charges are made only at places which offer special services such as bathhouses or recreational halls. The average charge is 25¢ per day.

9) Pets are allowed only on leash.

10) For maps of the National Forest in your area, you may write to:

Regional Office
Region 8
50 - 7th Street, NE
Atlanta 23, Ga.

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There are many ways in which we can improve the operation of our family campgrounds. Following are just a few check points that will help:

1. Review the Camping Handbook and know the regulations.

2. Since attendants frequently may have to enforce rules, it is important that they know how to handle violations tactfully.

3. There should be a regular schedule for clean-up - a time set for cleaning comfort stations and for garbage pickup. Cans should be washed and sprayed with insecticide. Floors in comfort stations should be swept and mopped. Toilet seats should be washed with soap and water and disinfectant. Replace toilet tissue daily and spray area with insecticide.

4. Tables that have become quite dirty from spilled food should be scrubbed.

5. Water samples should be taken each month.

6. Let the public know that gates are being closed at a certain time and that quiet hours are for their protection and enjoyment.

7. Know your area - the facts about recreation attractions and local events. Answer visitors' questions intelligently.

8. Keep bulletin boards attractive and up-to-date.

9. Number all of your camp sites and assign a number when permit is written.

10. Keep up with the maintenance. Replace broken seats, windows, locks, springs, etc.

11. Remember that your park is a reflection on the state.

TEAMWORK TIPS

You may be able to order and drive an individual but you cannot force him to respect you. Everyone secretly revolts at tyranny. You can, however, gain respect by proper persuasion. A gentle word, a kind look, a good-natured smile can work wonders and accomplish miracles.

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PHYSICAL FITNESS

The physical fitness of all citizens is a matter of paramount importance to the continued strength and progress of the Nation. Every citizen has the obligation to himself and his country to do his utmost to become and to remain healthy, alert, vigorous, and productive. Each individual should spend a reasonable portion of his free time--one of the benefits of the Nation's vast technological and material advances--participating in forms of recreation that contribute to physical fitness.

Schools and public and voluntary recreation agencies can and should promote physical fitness through recreation. The President's Council on Youth Fitness strongly urges every community to follow the recommendations of the White House Conference, of which the following are highlights:

a) Develop and carry out a community-wide recreation plan, emphasizing physical fitness, which involves all organizations and agencies having recreation interests.

b) Provide opportunities for and encourage daily participation in vigorous physical activities by all age groups, in all programs wherever possible and appropriate. Encourage individual citizens to employ the self-discipline necessary to fulfill their own commitments to regular exercise.

c) Provide year-round opportunities for physical fitness centers and sports clubs.

d) Make the widest possible use of available leadership and facilities, working, where necessary, for enactment of State enabling legislation and for local ordinances which authorize use of public property or funds for recreation.

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Wealthy people miss one of life's greatest thrills--paying the last installment.

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SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY....

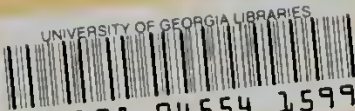
In the feudal days, the lords of the land used to protect their castles by means of a moat. Now and then they would sally forth and wage battle, then retreat to their castles and pull up the drawbridges.

Since it is said that a man's house is his castle, why not carry out the same idea when we enter our homes after the fight of each day is over; pull up the drawbridges and thus separate ourselves from the problems, perplexities, confusion, and difficulties of our business tasks.

Too many of us are apt to leave the bridge down and let worry - the great enemy - stalk into the peace of our homes. Too often we fight it far into the night. If we are not careful, we surrender to discontent. So pull up the mental drawbridge. Let pipe, music, books, and stimulating conversation with friends, family and neighbors rest, relax, inspire and strengthen us for the morrow.

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